

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWS** Term 3 Week 5 - 15 August 2017

## The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents,

My wife and I stumbled across a wonderfully inspirational documentary on Netflix last week, "Minimalism - A documentary about the important things".

I note that I am married to a 'minimalist' and my wife is married to a hoarder, so this documentary hit me a bit harder. Whilst the take-away message for me was most certainly not of a deep spiritual nature, it was indeed an invitation for me to actually open a door to unleash 10% more happiness and contentness in my life ... Not a bad invitation eh!

I will leave you with the final sentence in the documentary:

"Hug people and use things - the opposite never brings joy."

### P+F 'gift' to the school:

After consultation with the P+F group that gathered at the Term 3 P+F General Meeting and further consultation with students and staff, it has been decided that the P+F will fund the installation of synthetic grass on the soccer field (ie the very top of the playground) and the outside entrance area of the K and Yr 1 rooms. I anticipate that installation will be completed in September.

On behalf of all the students, I can confidently shout a resounding, "Thank you!"



### Cashless Second-Hand Uniform Shop:

OLD is following the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) recommendations and moving to have the vast majority of school financial transactions completed electronically. This year, OLD introduced the QKR App that has enabled cashless transactions for lunch orders, P+F events and so much more. We are now presently preparing to transition the Second-Hand Uniform Shop to 'cashless' via the use of the OLD QKR App. Stay tuned for more information.

### Late for school:

I am concerned that the number of students arriving late for school each day is growing. Last Wednesday, 40 students arrived late for the 8.45am whole school assembly. I strenuously urge all families to ensure their child/children get time to settle before the morning bell so everyone is ready for learning each day at school.

Please note: if ever parents are late for "drop-off", you must walk your child to the office and fill in a late note. Thank you

## COMING EVENTS

### August

- Wed 16** OLD School Band Parent Info Meeting - 6pm in the school library
- Fri 18** Book Week Parade  
North Shore Cluster Athletics Carnival (Narrabeen)  
P & F Toy Upcycling Day (postponed until Term 4)
- Sun 20** Parish Family Mass— Year 3 - 9am
- Fri 25** Environmental Mufti/ Gold Coin Day for Catholic Mission
- Tues 29** Diocesan Athletics Carnival (Narrabeen)
- Thur 31** Fathers' Day Stall (organised by Yrs 5 & 6)

### September

- Fri 1** Fathers' Day Breakfast - 8am and Mass - 9am (Breakfast organised by Kindy)
- Wed 6** Confirmation Practice
- Fri 8** P & F Mufti Day  
Polding Athletics Carnival (Newcastle)  
Confirmation
- Fri 15** Our Lady of Dolours Feast Day
- Mon 18** Creative Arts Festival
- Tue 19** Creative Arts Festival
- Wed 20** Writers' Festival  
20 to 23 Sept
- Fri 22** Last Day Term 3

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES

[www.olddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olddb.catholic.edu.au)

## The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

### **Catholic Schools' Parent Conference - 8, 9 and 10 September:**

On behalf of our OLD P+F Co-Presidents, Regina Benisano (Porscha Yr4 and Roman Yr2) and Kate Fairbanks (Jack Yr4 and Charlie K) I am pleased to promote an exciting opportunity for you to consider:

A Catholic Schools' Parent Conference will be held on 8, 9 and 10 September in Manly. It is called "#FutureReady, Preparing our children for a changing world" and as the name suggests, its focus will be on giving parents a greater understanding of the skills and knowledge young people need for the future, as well as how we can best support our children.

There will be a number of keynote discussions, workshops and interactive networking sessions over the three days:

- Friday, 8 September 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Saturday, 9 September 8:45am to 4:30pm (plus Mass at 6:00pm followed by a dinner)
- Sunday, 10 September 9:00am to 1:30pm

There is a cost associated with attendance, (and expressions of interest need to be gathered as soon as possible so we can RSVP before Thursday 17 August), but the school along with the P&F may have some modest means of subsidising the cost of the conference. That said, it is also possible to attend certain days rather than all three, so let us know if you are interested in knowing more about this initiative.

For more information, please contact Regina, Kate or Philip ... Alternatively, the following link offers important conference details: <http://www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au/future-ready-parent-conference-2017-1#.WYwC9bQCNQk.email>

*Imagine this view in September!*

**#FutureReady Parent Conference**  
*Preparing our Children for a Changing World*

**8, 9 & 10 September**  
**St Paul's Catholic College, Manly**

**Keynote**  
**Dr Lea Waters**  
"Strength-based Parenting"

Join your Broken Bay Catholic Community, along with parent from across NSW & interstate for a weekend great speakers, workshops, and an expert panel discussing how to **future proof our kids**. For the kids, there is a **Kids Conference** on Saturday, so bring them along.

*And did we mention the spectacular views!*

Enjoy the beautiful grounds of St Paul's College, Manly overlooking the stunning Sydney Harbour.

Learn more: [www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2017-parent-conference](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2017-parent-conference)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

### Term 3 Social Justice Focus: Stewardship of the Earth

#### This week's Environmental focus is: Saving Power (Energy) Awareness Week

Simple changes in our behaviour can quickly lead to significant energy savings.

#### What exactly is power (or energy) awareness?

For a general definition, power (energy) awareness is about understanding:

- how much power (energy) we use (both directly and indirectly);
- what we actually use it for;
- where the power (energy) comes from;
- the knock-on effects of us using it (e.g. environmental impact, depletion of resources); and
- what we can do to reduce our power (energy) consumption and its undesirable knock-on effects.

The best results by far will be achieved if we treat power-awareness as an ongoing process. It will work a lot better if we make it part of our regular routine.

Hopefully, this will have given you some ideas to motivate all of us to continue reducing our energy consumption as time goes on.

Also, the Year 6 MAG will be doing a presentation to all classes to include the theme Stewardship of the Earth. Our class prayers will also focus on the Mercy Values that we have focused upon and apply these to our Earth. We will also incorporate an environmental focus in our R.E. Modules.

#### Environmental Mufti Day Fundraiser – Next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> of August, the school will be raising money for Catholic Mission with an Environmental focus. All students are to come in Mufti with the theme of *TREES*. Students can simply wear tree colours, that is green and brown OR they are welcome to get more creative with leaves etc. (as long as they are comfortable for the day, with closed in shoes etc).



#### Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This week Kindergarten to Year 6 will attend Mass celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.



*"And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."*

*Revelations 12:1*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - (Cont.)

### Fathers' Day Mass Invitation – Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.

You are warmly invited to attend a **Whole School Mass** to celebrate the wonderful love and presence of fathers and father figures in our lives. The mass will be held in the church on Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. There will be a Fathers' Day Breakfast at school prior to the mass.

### Fathers' Day Photo Request – email photos now.

I invite you to send in a DIGITAL photo for the Communion Reflection at our Mass. The photo should be of your child with their father, grandfather or father figure. One photo per child would be great. Of course ... Grandfather and child photos are welcome as an extra photo.

Email photos to: [sarah.croall@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sarah.croall@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

*PHOTOS SHOULD BE SENT AS AN ATTACHMENT*

*CLEARLY SAVED/LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. THANK YOU.*

*Closing date for photos – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August*



## FROM THE PARISH

### Sunday Parish Mass 9am Sunday 20 Aug: Invitation Year 3

The Catholic community of Chatswood invites Year 3 children and their families to a special celebration for Year 3 children during our 9am Family Mass on Sunday 20th August.

### 2 Positions Vacant:

#### **OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PARISH CHATSWOOD:**

CCD Coordinator and Children and Family Minister (re-advertised) 25 hours per week. Please contact the Parish Priest for further details and a Position Description: Rev Paul Finucane E: [paul@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:paul@chatswoodparish.org.au) P: 9410 9000 Please submit your application via email by Fri 18 August 2017.

#### **CATHOLIC PARISH OF LOWER NORTH SHORE (LNS):**

LNS PARISH OFFICE Admin Assistant - Part Time (16 hours per week). Please contact the Parish Priest for further details and a Position Description. Applications must be submitted via email to the Parish Priest E: [brian.moloney@dbb.org.au](mailto:brian.moloney@dbb.org.au) by Friday 18th August 2017.

## Try Alpha

Alpha offers freedom to discuss the big questions and their meaning without judgment.

Everyone is welcome.

Alpha goes to the basics of Christianity. It's for everyone with questions; for those with faith or those wondering what they believe. Each week, Alpha explores the questions we experience in life and the ways people have responded. Each week we begin with sharing food. Alpha becomes a place to talk openly and without judgment. When people feel at home they can share all kinds of life experiences. This open-minded approach allows people to develop friendships. These friendships build trust with those they talk to over a number of weeks.

For more information about:

- **Wednesday** evening 23 August 6.45, contact Melissa 0402 892 852.
- **Monday** morning 28 August at 10, contact Ditas 0405 999 510



The Lower North Shore Catholic Schools

Public Speaking Competition 2017

Next Monday, the 21st of August, the Lower North Shore Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition will be held at Corpus Christi, St Ives. This high level competition is **only** open to **two talented Year 6 students** from each of the seven schools in this cluster. The two special representatives have to present a **3 minute prepared speech** and a **1 minute impromptu speech**. In previous years, Our Lady of Dolours has done extremely well. We are definitely a force to reckon with!!

Over the last two weeks, all of our Year 6 students had the special opportunity to compete in this exclusive competition. It was terribly difficult to choose only two students, as this year's Year 6 students are such fabulous public speakers. However, two were chosen.....the outstanding students chosen to represent our school this year are,

**Corban Goodwell and Guyaneh Aghajanian**

We wish you both lots of luck and are very proud of you!

Ms Scarf

EALD/Literacy Support Teacher



# AWARD WINNERS

## Week 4



# Book Week - Reminder



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August

## K-6 Book Week Parade

**Time: 8:45am -9:30am**

Each student is asked to dress up as a book character. The theme is '**Escape to Everywhere**' so the scope is wide. Children are encouraged to carry the book to match their character.

**Please note children will stay in their costume all day, so make sure they wear comfortable shoes.** After the parade the Library will be open for children to donate a book to the Library.

**All books will be \$10 (it is a donation towards the book)**

A book plaque will be put into each donated book and the children will be able to borrow them immediately.

If parents can't come, children can bring \$10 in an envelope on the day **marked Library Donation** and I will help them choose a suitable book.

I hope it will be a really enjoyable Book Week for everyone at school.

Regards,

Mrs Louise Murphy

Teacher/Librarian

Please Note: Students participating in the Cluster Athletics Carnival Friday, 18th August, need to wear their dress-up costume tomorrow (ie. Wednesday, 16th August).



# FATHERS' DAY STALL

**WHEN:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

**WHERE:** Library

**GIFT SELECTION:** Lots of great gifts your child can choose from. Mugs, mouse pads, car wash kits, pens, socks, drink bottles, travel mugs and many more.

**DAD...**  
**YOU ARE MY**  
**FATHER**



**PRE-PAID METHOD:** Please complete the order form via the QKR APP.

**One form per child.**

Alternatively, please complete the credit note below with your child's details, preferred credit value and correct payment, and return it in a sealed envelope to the "Father's Day" P&F box located in the school foyer **by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.**

A Credit note will be issued to your child on the day.

**FATHER'S DAY STALL CREDIT NOTE** – Please complete and return to the "Fathers' Day" P&F box located in the school foyer **by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Tick the box for your preferred CREDIT VALUE below:** (EG if you tick the box of \$25, your child can select up to \$25 worth of gifts such as two \$10 items and one \$5 item or five \$5 items.

\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25
\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_



Happy father's day

To all the Fathers, Father figures, Grandfathers,  
Godfathers, Uncles and special people

We want to celebrate YOU!

Please join us at school for a  
delicious Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 1st September 2017

8 am - 8.45 am

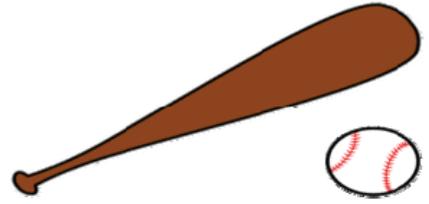
Followed by  
Father's Day Mass at 9 am



## Community News

### Calling OLD Kids of all abilities to participate in Summer Sport!

U/6s – We have some Kindy kids who are interested in learning T-ball would love for a few more to join them! T-ball is a really sport to develop hand eye co-ordination and the kids will learn how to throw and catch properly. Girls and Boys welcome.



All you need to know is on the following website: <http://www.northsydney.baseball.com.au/>

The club is incredibly professional and well organised. When you sign up, just say you want to be in the OLD team!



### U/8 Summer Soccer

We have a couple of spot available in the U/8 Summer Soccer 5 a side soccer competitions. Girls and Boys welcome.

There are two options:

1. Saturday Competition – games start between 11 am and 1 pm at the Wills (every week);
2. Friday afternoon/night Competition – games start between 4 pm and 8 pm at the Northbridge Oval (every week).

Please contact Mona (0434360884) or Janine (0418648840) if you are interested.